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TAGS: SHUM, CGEN, UR, US (BORTNYK, MIKHAIL)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF SOVIET PRIVATE VISITOR

REF: A. STATE 123691, B. STATE 123532

1. REPORT OBTAINED BY STATE DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICE
FOLLOWS:

2. "INSPECTOR ARTHUR MATTHEWS, PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, ADVISED ON MAY 15, 1978, THAT ON MAY 12, 1978, AT 1:15 A.M. A POLICEMAN WHILE ON PATROL AT 5TH AND FISHER STREETS, PHILADELPHIA WAS FLAGGED DOWN BY A WHITE FEMALE. SHE POINTED TO SUBJECT AND TOLD THE OFFICER THAT SUBJECT HAD TRIED TO GET INTO HER AUTO. WHEN STOPPED BY THE POLICEMAN, SUBJECT SAID, "I RUSSIAN" WITH THE REST OF HIS REMARKS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE THE OFFICER COULD NOT UNDERSTAND. IT WAS APPARENT TO THE OFFICER THAT SUBJECT WAS IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION AND SO SUBJECT WAS TAKEN TO THE 35TH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND PLACED IN A CELL TO SOBER
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UP. ACCORDING TO MATTHEWS SUBJECT WAS NOT REALLY ARRESTED. AT 2:10 A.M. ON MAY 12, 1978, THE TURNKEY (JAILER) IN CHECKING THE CELLS SAW SUBJECT WITH A BLUE CLOTH UNDERSHIRT AROUND HIS NECK AND THE OTHER END ATTACHED TO THE CROSSBAR OF THE CELL. SUBJECT WAS CUT DOWN, A FIRE RESCUE UNIT

RESPONDED AND ADMINISTERED OXYGEN, AND SUBJECT WAS TAKEN

TO THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE ALBERT EINSTEIN MEDICAL
CENTER. HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOSPITAL.
THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S REPORT HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED
SO THE DESIGNATED CAUSE OF DEATH IS NOT KNOWN. MATTHEWS
STATED THAT FROM PAPERS ON SUBJECT'S PERSON AN INTERPRETER
WAS ABLE TO LEARN SUBJECT'S NAME AND THE IDENTITY OF A
RELATIVE -- ANN BORTNYK, 5035 WARNOCK STREET, PHILADELPHIA.
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